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Congressman Mark S. Kirk
10th District of Illinois
102 Wilmot Road, Suite 200
Deerfield IL 60035

Dear Congressman Kirk:

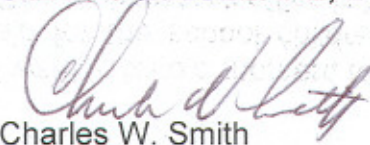
I want to take a moment to thank you for your efforts in securing the high impact federal aid for the school children in North Chicago for the next five years. Since Mayor Rockingham took office in May and I have had the honor to serve as his City Attorney, one of the more rewarding aspects of representing the City of North Chicago has been my ability to work with you and your aides, Eric Elk, Ed Kelly, and Roy Ciekowski, whom have been extremely responsive when I have had to call upon your office.

I also have been extremely impressed with your attention to the problems that face North Chicago. While the City may not represent the strongest part of your political base, you have given North Chicago an extraordinary amount of attention and effort to see that the City is treated fairly with its interaction with the Navy.

Your efforts in securing this high impact aid is a tribute to you as a congressman who looks after his constituents. I know that this was not an easy sell with the Department of Education and you have stood tall in assisting North Chicago on this very important issue. The true beneficiaries of your efforts are the school children of North Chicago. All I can say is bravo, good job. I look forward to continuing to work with you on other matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

SMITH & LaLUZERNE, LTD.



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CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO

Leon Rockingham, Jr.
MAYOR

November 8, 2005

Congressman Mark Kirk
102 Wilnot Road, Suite 200
Deerfield, Illinois 60035

Dear Congressman Kirk:

On behalf of all the citizens of North Chicago, but most especially on behalf of the school children of North Chicago, I want to express our sincere appreciation for your diligent efforts in securing high impact aid for the North Chicago School District No. 187 for a minimum of the next five years.

Obviously, all of us were overjoyed when we heard your remarks at the Lake Bluff Middle School meeting on November 7, 2005 that you had secured high impact aid for the North Chicago school system for the next five years. While I have only been mayor for a short time, it certainly is rewarding to see what can be accomplished when various units of government work together for a common goal. I appreciate all the time that you and your staff have devoted to this extremely critical issue to the North Chicago school system and I think we are all pleased with the results that have been achieved.

I, and my staff and City Council, look forward to continuing to work with your office to revitalize the economic base in North Chicago through the development of Sheridan Crossing. When this 40 acre site is fully developed I believe that we will even more deeply advance the spirit of cooperation between those at the Great Lakes Naval Base and the citizens of North Chicago.

The basis of the cooperation which your office has shown on the school issue will also carry over as we deal with the issues of the privatization of the housing at Great Lakes. You certainly have demonstrated that with a strong team effort. There is no problem too big to be overcome.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leon Rockingham, Jr.".

Leon Rockingham, Jr., Mayor